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**RE: Certification of Support for Rural High -Cost Carrier Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256**

Enclosed you will find the USF Self-Certification Letter for New Hope Telephone Cooperative, SAC 190239. After your review, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (540) 363-5277.

Sincerely,

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Thomas F. Kuchenlager

Thomas F. Crickenberger
President

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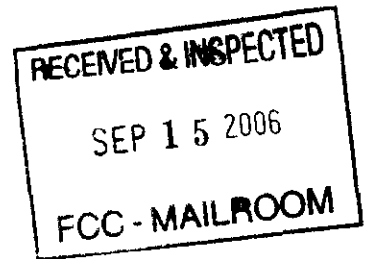
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AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS F. CRICKENBERGER IN SUPPORT
OF NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPEATIVE'S USE OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
SAC 190239

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF AUGUSTA

I, Thomas F. Crickenberger, declare as follows:



1. I am employed by New Hope Telephone Cooperative as its President. I am an officer of New Hope Telephone Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on its behalf. This affidavit is being given to support certification of the use of federal universal service funds for 2007 as required by 47 C.F.R. [§ 54.313/ § 54.314].

2. Under 47 C.F.R [§ 54.313/ §54.314], the Company is required to submit an annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), certifying that rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier within the Commonwealth of Virginia will use federal high-cost universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 254 (e). Absent such certification, such carriers will not receive universal service support. In order for carriers to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission's certification must be filed with the FCC and the USAC by October 1 of the preceding year.

3. New Hope Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support New Hope Telephone Cooperative will receive in 2007 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 (a), and that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

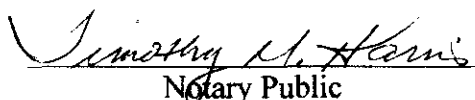
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Thomas F. Crickenberger

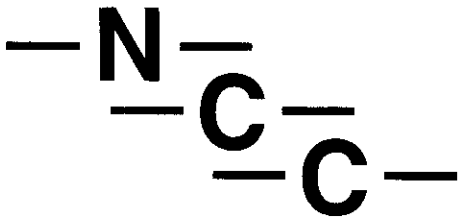
Title: President

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2006.


Notary Public

My commission expires MAY 31, 2009.



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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
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RE: USF Certification – FCC Docket No. 96-45

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an Affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2006, that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2006, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

Dwight Schmitt
General Manager/CEO
Northwest Communications Cooperative

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Williams)

Dwight Schmitt, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2005, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2007 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2006.

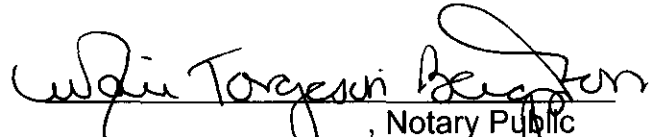
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE

By 
Dwight Schmitt
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Williams)

On this 14th day of September, 2006, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DWIGHT SCHMITT, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

MARI TORGESON-BERGSTROM
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires August 17, 2010

, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 08 17 10



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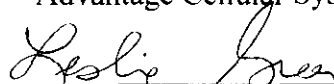
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**Re: Annual State Certification for High Cost Support
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:


On behalf of Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc. ("Advantage"), pursuant to Federal Communications Commission's Rule Sections 54.313 and 54.314, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to Advantage will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, *as amended*.

Leslie Greer
Advantage Cellular Systems, Inc.


Its Authorized Representative

Date 9-8-06

Subscribed, Sworn to and Acknowledged before me this 8th day of Sept., 2006.


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My Commission expires: 5/1/07

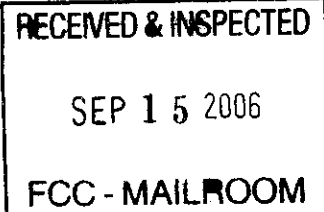
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September 13, 2006

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Re: **CC Docket 96-45, USF Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316(b) the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certifies it has reviewed the comparability of urban rates nationwide to residential rates in rural areas of the state served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers, and certifies to the Commission and the Administrator the rates are reasonably comparable for purposes of section 254(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bob Shirley at bshirley@wutc.wa.gov or at (360) 664-1283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carole J. Washburn".

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

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